



Our Sunday services are usually streamed live on the internet and video recorded. For GDPR purposes, it is presumed that people attending are happy to appear in it. If you would prefer not to, please feel free to sit near the back of the church which does not appear on film.



Sunday 26th November 2023

Dear friends,

Welcome to this week's E News. Please note the "reverse" Advent calendar starting next week. We are collecting dried lentils for food.gives next week (3rd December) please – see below!

**10:30am Morning Worship led by Jonathan. Proverbs 4
'Wisdom, Walk and Words.'**

[Click here for Morning Service](#)

6:00 Links Youth fellowship.



**6:30pm Evening Worship led by Jonathan.
Ephesians 4: 1 - 16**

[Click here for Evening Service](#)



THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 27th November

7:00 - 9:00pm The Art Fringe

TUESDAY 28th November

9:45 – 11:30am Ladies' Bible Study

10:30am – TUESDAY COFFEE – at The Malthouse. Please note the Malthouse only takes cash.

3:00pm - Men's Coffee – at Coffee Lab

7:30pm Midweek Fellowship

WEDNESDAY 29th November

9:30am – 11:30am Footprints' parent and toddler group

5:00pm Brigade for girls

THURSDAY 30th November

7pm Explore Group

FRIDAY 1st December

7:30am Men's Breakfast Bible Study

8:00am for the study

9:30am – 11:00am Ladies' Bible study

SATURDAY 2nd December

3pm Rural Churches Advent Service at Norton. Jonathan is speaking.

SUNDAY 3rd December

Please bring dried lentils for the Food.Gives Reverse Advent Calendar

10:30am Morning Worship led by Jonathan. Proverbs 5.

6:30pm Evening Worship led by Morgan. Ephesians 4: 17 – 32.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Just to let people know that Janet Lloyd has moved to the following address:

29 Cwrt William Jones
Whitecross Street
Monmouth NP25 3EA

Tel: 01600 711852

Many thanks
Janet

CHRISTMAS RESIDENTIAL SINGING

Can you help support the Christmas outreach in local homes?
11th December 2:30pm at Homeforge House
TBC Parade House

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR FOR FOOD.GIVES

This Christmas, we are supporting the work of Tearfund (see below) and gathering specific food gifts to help brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

Each week we invite friends in the fellowship to bring a specific item of food each week, to put in the box at the front as follows:

HOPE	December 3 rd	Dried Lentils
PEACE	December 10 th	Dried Chick-peas
JOY	December 17 th	Rice
FAITH	December 24 th	Salt
LOVE	December 25 th - 31 st	Sugar

TEARFUND

Tearfund is helping communities in more than 50 countries to break free from poverty by partnering with and training local churches.

The global cost of living crisis means the funding Tearfund receives does not go as far as it used to. Rapidly escalating conflicts around the world, including Ukraine and the Middle East, are putting even more pressure on where funding is needed – and families are paying the price. Countless people are living in extreme poverty worldwide, places like Chad, where millions of people are facing ongoing climate catastrophes with limited provisions to survive, let alone thrive.

Isaac lives in Chad and struggled with extreme poverty for years. Then he heard about the training offered in his village by Tearfund's partner, the Christian Centre of Development Support (CECADEC). Isaac was desperate to learn new farming techniques to grow enough food for his family to survive on. 'I was living in extreme poverty. We had nothing to eat. It was a difficult life,' Isaac says.

Around the world, rising costs mean our resources are stretched, at a time when we are responding to greater needs than ever before – and families like Isaac's in Chad are facing

unthinkable suffering. 'I ask God to bless me, to keep me and my family, and to give us food.'

Any gifts, large or small, would be a great help to communities like Isaac's. It takes a total of £125 to help train a community such as his in climate-smart farming techniques, so there's no going back to extreme poverty.

Advanced notice - Our Christmas appeal this year will be for Tearfund. *Elaine Adams*

CHRISTMAS SERVICES



If you are not attending a church of your own, we'd love to welcome you and your family to Christmas at the Baptist Church this year.

Sunday 17th December

6:30pm Contemporary Carols

Wednesday 20th December 7pm

Oedfa Nadolig Dysgwyr Cymraeg Welsh
Learners Carol Service



Sunday 24th December

10.30am – 11.30am Nativity Service led by the children

5pm – 6pm Carols and Candles
(followed by Mince-pies and coffee)

Christmas Day

9.30am-10.15am Christmas Celebration! (Children are invited to bring a present to show)

Monmouth Baptist Church, Monk Street, Monmouth. 01600 716423
www.monmouthbaptistchurch.org.uk friends@monmouthbaptistchurch.org.uk

OUR DAILY BREAD

The pamphlet for 'Our Daily Bread' will be in the foyer should anyone wish to order anything. If you wish to take it home please return it next week. There are some lovely Christmas gifts available.

The next quarter of 'Our Daily Bread' devotional, December to February, will be in the foyer this coming Sunday. Free for anyone who would like one.

Fiona Beber

SAMUEL'S HOPE

The Barker family remembered their beloved Samuel's birthday on Saturday 4th Nov by doing a sponsored walk. Samuel wanted his friends to know how much God loved them, and so they are raising funds to buy over 400 Year 3 pupils in Monmouthshire a book that teaches them about the beautiful world around them, and the God who made it. Could you sponsor their walk up the Skirrid mountain and help continue Samuel's "ministry" sharing the love of Jesus with local children.

<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/SamuelsHope23>

PETER WAGHORN THANKSGIVING MEMORIAL SERVICE

Peter's service will be here at MBC on

Friday 8th December, 12:00 noon

All are welcome to come, and to join the refreshments which will be served at Monmouth Priory Rooms afterwards

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please let us know if you would like the fellowship to pray for you.

Please also pray for recently bereaved families following the deaths of Peter Waghorn and Alethea Eggleton

Pray for Ed, and for some of our friends who are in need or recovering from operations.

Please pray for Morgan as he visits churches seeking new ministry. Please pray for the Lord to open the door to guide Morgan to his next step in Christian service.

***Pray for Israel and Palestine.
And for an end to the ongoing war in Ukraine.***

WORLD FOCUS

UGANDA

Namwase, a 32-year-old mother of three, became a Christian in May 2023. After attending a fellowship meeting in October, she returned home to find her husband back from a business trip. Upon seeing her with a Bible and other Christian literature, he assaulted her. Namwase's daughter alerted neighbours who rescued her and took her to a regional hospital. A week later she was transferred to a hospital in Kampala for more specialised treatment. Still hospitalised in Kampala, Namwase is seriously ill. Her husband is believed to have fled to South Sudan.

Please pray for complete healing for Namwase and that, upon release from hospital, she will be able to find safe accommodation. Ask God to look after her three young children who are with the husband's mother. Pray for God's mercy for her husband Kalele and that he will come to repentance and faith.

Simon Beber

SPORTS

All ages and abilities are welcome, including friends or people who aren't regular visitors to the church. Some events need to be booked in advance.

Tennis - Please speak to James Endicott to play at Monmouth Tennis Club's excellent facilities on Monmouth Sportsground; cost £4 per session for non-members (free for members).

Football - Jim Barker runs 5 a-side football sessions, currently fortnightly on a Friday at 7pm. If you are interested in joining, please speak to Jim or James Endicott to be added to the Football Whatsapp Group.

Basketball – Please ask for details.

MBC GIVING

Thank you for your continued giving to the work of the Church. Please use the Monmouth Baptist Church details for direct giving: Sort code 20-00-85, Account number 10615668.

Also, if you are a taxpayer, we can arrange for Gift Aid to claim tax back.

You can also give online at www.give.net/monmouthbc.

There are boxes in the chapel for those who like to give in person.

Thank you again for giving to the Lord's work here.

If you know anyone in the fellowship in financial need, we may be able to help from our Assistance Fund. Please contact Jonathan.

And if you would like to contribute to the Assistance fund, please make your gift in a marked envelope, or online indicating "Assistance Fund".

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